



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam
January 10, 2021
First Sunday in Epiphany**

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“This opposite of war is not peace; it is creation.” - Jonathan Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Please join in and speak in unison all **bolded** parts.

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 29)

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

Many: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

Many: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

Many: May the LORD give strength to his people!

All: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

GATHERING PRAYER

Renew within us, O God, your image and imprint, which you first formed in us at the time of our beginning, that your grace and love might emanate from our own hearts. With Jesus as our teacher, we pray this. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Rock of Ages”

#438 (see PDF)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Creator, Thunderous Voice, Spirit who Hovers— we confess today to hearing both the echo of your voice in the majesty of your Creation as well as the sob of your grief in what we ourselves have thoughtlessly despoiled. While our thanksgiving manifests as the praise we give you for the wonder of what you have made, let our thanksgiving also be the actions we take to restore the balance of what we have destroyed. May we sense the presence of your Spirit in this creation of restoration. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Time with the Young and the Young at Heart

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

SERMON

with Rev. Katrina Hebb

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463 (see PDF)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**Ground of all being, Mother of Life,
Father of the Universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food today for the human family
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our times of conflict
but lead us to new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life
and the glory of life are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

#821 (see PDF)

POSTLUDE

Thank you very much for joining us in today’s remote service.
May God’s health and peace find you in these uncertain times.

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